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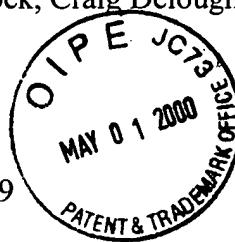
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Keith G. Weinstock, Craig Deloughery and
David Bush

Serial No.: 09/252,691 Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: February 18, 1999 Examiner: V. Portner

For: Nucleic Acid and Amino Acid Sequences Relating to
Enterobacter cloacae for Diagnostics and Therapeutics



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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned attorney petitions the Assistant Commissioner for
Patents to extend the time for filing a Response to the Notice to Comply
dated February 28, 2000 for one-month from March 28, 2000 to April 28,
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2 months -	\$ 190	\$ 380
3 months -	\$ 435	\$ 870
4 months -	\$ 680	\$1,360
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Respectfully submitted,

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